

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Claire RICHTARCH

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Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

For: METHOD OF PREPARING A SURFACE  
OF A SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER TO  
MAKE IT EPIREADY

Attorney Docket No.: 4717-11300

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Commissioner for Patents  
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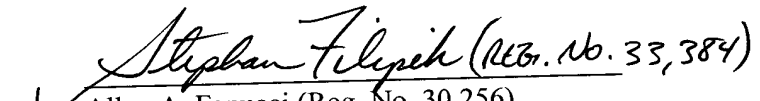
Pursuant to applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, enclosed is a Form PTO-1449 which lists two (2) references for the Examiner's review and consideration. These references are cited in the specification of the present application.

Pursuant to the recent rule change in the Official Gazette, copies of the U.S. references are not submitted. It is respectfully requested that these references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of the PTO Form 1449.

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Respectfully submitted,

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
*EXAMINER INITIAL	CITE NO.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	AA	5,895,583	4/1999	Augustine et al.	216	53		
	AB	6,537,606	3/2003	Allen et al.	427	9		
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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